

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 12, 20 and 24 are in the case. Claims 1 - 11, 13 - 19 and 21 - 23 have been canceled. Claims 12 and 20 have been amended.

The allowance of Claim 24 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1 - 11, 13 - 19 and 21 - 23, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to Claims 12 and 20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and the statement of their allowability if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, these claims have been so rewritten. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

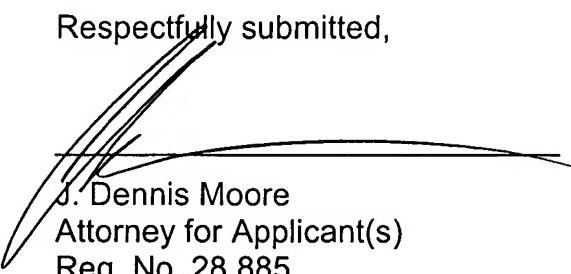
The Specification has been re-checked, and no formal errors were found.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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